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My darling daughter,
You the very day you left
but I know you will be dis-
appointed, if I do not write
to-day as I promised, for in my
hurry note I had of course
no news to give you. I hope
you received it on Friday &
have hunted up Mrs Barston
which I know will add much
to your enjoyment, & also be-
cause I want to hear of & from
her myself.

Now for a diary of our doings
since you left. Thursday
evening, we went, as I wrote you
we should, to the city. We went
in the open carriage, of course
& Tomie Mills, & old Thomas,
accompanied us, so we had a

full if not an elegant cargo.

It began to rain, when we were half way, but as we had umbrellas along, for the sun, & it only lasted two minutes, we rather enjoyed it, for it laid the dust, & gave us a delightful drive. The horses went nicely & we got home half an hour after sundown. — I bought a

bath tub, & Friday, bathed with the help of George, & Eugene Calvert, who came over with their mother, floored the spring house. Mrs Calvert & the old lady, came by ten o'clock, & staid till after sundown. She talked a little less, & her mother a little more, so I by getting her on a regular gossip, it went off very well, tho' my brain was tired after so long a tension, of listening to nothing. We had "noodle" soup — veal cutlets — chicken tomatoes — potatoes — squashes — cucumbers — & for dessert real ice cream, (which George & Calvert

make, & which was perfectly de-
licious, & a blackberry pie, & preserves.
Every thing was very nice, & they
praised every thing. In the eve-
ning the Robinson family (not
Robinson Crosses), came. Mr &
Mrs R., Lizzie, & little Jessie.
Lizzie was disappointed at not
seeing you, & said you must
come & stay with her when
you returned. She is a nice
girl but not at all pretty in
her bonnet. Saturday, until
dinner time, I went at the
lemons - Calhoun helped
me a little but Edger - Mr
Henry came, & then I had to
work alone, & my hands are
yet so sore I can scarce touch
any thing. As I had them all
to grate, I did not go
so fast, but I made five
half pint bottles, which was
not bad I think. After dinner
Henry went for the bath tub & as
he went, I made him make out
the load with coal. While he
was gone, Calhoun & I put the

finishing touches to the spring house
which looks as neat as a new
diner & this morning Ned & I
had a most delicious bath.
I have the iron pot down there
& early this morning Babette
made fire under it, which gave
us hot water, & if I only had
another woman, we might bathe
at least twice a week, without
any trouble. In the evening
your uncle Elias Baker came,
& is still here - He goes tomorrow
morning to Alexandria. This
is a full & true account of all
that has befallen us, since you
left, & I assure you we have
had quite a pleasant time.
I hope you are enjoying your-
self. Remember I shall be
rejoiced with you, if you
off & let trifles prevent you from
tried enjoying the pleasures & ex-
citement of travelling, & seeing
new scenes. Maria as well
& says she wants to see you
so much, & don't like she to be
away. God bye darling
your devoted mother
Anne C. Emerson